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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2696**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bass**

February 19, 2010

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An act to amend Sections 15002 and 15003 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to workforce investment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2696, as amended, Bass. California Workforce Investment Board: Green Collar Jobs Council.

Existing law establishes the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB), and requires the board to establish a committee known as the Green Collar Jobs Council (GCJC), comprised of specified members, and requires the GCJC to perform certain functions and duties, including the development of a strategic initiative, relating to the training and development of a skilled workforce to meet the needs of California's emerging green economy.

This bill would authorize the CWIB to accept any revenues, moneys, grants, goods, or services from federal and state entities, philanthropic organizations, and other sources, to be used for purposes relating to the administration and implementation of the strategic initiative. ~~The bill would require that all moneys and revenues received pursuant to those provisions be deposited into the Green Collar Jobs Account, which the bill would create in the State Treasury. This bill would authorize the Employment Development Department, upon an appropriation by the Legislature, to expend those moneys and revenues for purposes related to the administration and implementation of the strategic initiative, and for the award of workforce training grants implementing the strategic~~

initiative. The bill would require the GCJC to consult with appropriate state and local agencies to identify opportunities to coordinate the award of grant and green workforce training funds received by the state under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or any other funding sources. The bill would require the CWIB, on or before April 1, 2011, and annually each April 1 thereafter, to report to the Legislature on the status of GCJC activities, grants awarded, and the development and implementation of a green workforce strategic initiative.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 15002 of the Unemployment Insurance  
2 Code is amended to read:

3 15002. (a) The California Workforce Investment Board  
4 (CWIB) shall establish a special committee known as the Green  
5 Collar Jobs Council (GCJC), comprised of the appropriate  
6 representatives from the CWIB existing membership, including  
7 the K–12 representative, the California Community Colleges  
8 representative, the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency  
9 representative, the Employment Development Department  
10 representative, and other appropriate members. The GCJC may  
11 consult with other state agencies, other higher education  
12 representatives, local workforce investment boards, and industry  
13 representatives as well as philanthropic, nongovernmental, and  
14 environmental groups, as appropriate, in the development of ~~this~~  
15 a strategic initiative.

16 (b) As part of the strategic initiative, the GCJC shall focus on  
17 developing the framework, funding, strategies, programs, policies,  
18 partnerships, and opportunities necessary to address the growing  
19 need for a highly skilled and well-trained workforce to meet the  
20 needs of California's emerging green economy. The GCJC shall  
21 do all of the following:

22 (1) Assist in identifying and linking green collar job  
23 opportunities with workforce development training opportunities  
24 in local workforce investment areas (LWIAs), encouraging regional  
25 collaboration among LWIAs to meet regional economic demands.

1 (2) Align workforce development activities with regional  
2 economic recovery and growth strategies.

3 (3) Develop public, private, philanthropic, and nongovernmental  
4 partnerships to build and expand the state's workforce development  
5 programs, network, and infrastructure.

6 (4) Provide policy guidance for job training programs for the  
7 clean and green technology sectors to help them prepare specific  
8 populations, such as at-risk youth, displaced workers, veterans,  
9 formerly incarcerated individuals, and others facing barriers to  
10 employment.

11 (5) Develop, collect, ~~interpret~~ *analyze*, and distribute statewide  
12 and regional labor market data on California's new and emerging  
13 green industries workforce needs, trends, and job growth.

14 (6) Collaborate with community colleges and other educational  
15 institutions, registered apprenticeship programs, business and labor  
16 organizations, and community-based and philanthropic  
17 organizations to align workforce development services with  
18 strategies for regional economic growth.

19 (7) Identify funding resources and make recommendations on  
20 how to expand and leverage these funds.

21 (8) Foster regional collaboratives in the green economic sector.

22 (c) The CWIB may accept any revenues, moneys, grants, goods,  
23 or services from federal and state entities, philanthropic  
24 organizations, and other sources, to be used for purposes relating  
25 to the administration and implementation of the strategic initiative,  
26 as described in subdivision (b). The CWIB shall also ensure the  
27 highest level of transparency and accountability and make  
28 information available on the CWIB Internet Web site.

29 ~~(d) All moneys and revenues received pursuant to subdivision~~  
30 ~~(e) shall be deposited into the Green Collar Jobs Account, which~~  
31 ~~is hereby created in the State Treasury. Upon appropriation by the~~  
32 ~~Legislature, the department may expand those moneys and~~  
33 ~~revenues for purposes related to the administration and~~  
34 ~~implementation of the strategic initiative, and for the award of~~  
35 ~~workforce training grants implementing the strategic initiative.~~

36 ~~(e) Workforce training grants awarded pursuant to subdivision~~  
37 ~~(d) shall be awarded within 180 days of the date of receipt by the~~  
38 ~~department of any funding for that purpose.~~

39 SEC. 2. Section 15003 of the Unemployment Insurance Code  
40 is amended to read:

1     15003. (a) On or before April 1, 2011, and annually each April  
2     ~~1-yearly~~ thereafter, the CWIB shall report to the Legislature on  
3     the status of GCJC activities, grants awarded, and its development  
4     and implementation of a green workforce strategic initiative.

5     (b) The GCJC shall also consult with the appropriate state and  
6     local agencies to identify opportunities to coordinate the award of  
7     grant and green workforce training funds received by the state  
8     under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of  
9     2009 (Public Law 111-5) or any other funding sources.